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Docket No. MC98-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
CANCELLING SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 HEARING
AND RESCHEDULING THE DATES FOR FILING BRIEFS

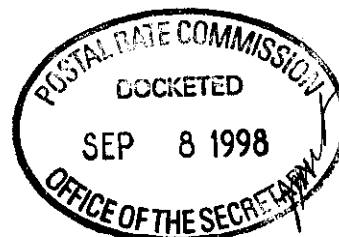
(September 8, 1998)

The procedural schedule established in Presiding Officer's Ruling MC98-1/3 provided for receipt and cross-examination of evidence in rebuttal to the Postal Service market test proposal in hearings beginning September 10, 1998.

The only rebuttal testimony filed is sponsored by Pitney Bowes, the rebuttal testimony of Patrick Brand. Counsel have indicated that there is no desire to orally cross-examine witness Brand concerning the market test, and the Commission has no cross-examination for witness Brand at this time. Under these circumstances, there is no need to cause the witness to travel to Washington, DC to sponsor his testimony, and the hearing will be cancelled. Witness Brand may be asked to appear at a later stage of this case.

RULING

- 1) The September 10, 1998 hearing is cancelled.



2) Pitney Bowes shall submit an appropriate statement of authenticity for witness Brand on or before September 11, 1998, and that testimony will be received in evidence.

3) Designations for the purpose of introducing evidence related to the market test proposal should be filed on or before September 11, 1998.

4) Objections to pending designations should be filed on or before September 15, 1998.

5) The evidentiary record on the market test proposal shall be closed on or before September 16, 1998.

6) Initial briefs shall be filed on or before September 18, 1998.

7) Reply briefs shall be filed on or before September 25, 1998.



W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III
Presiding Officer